1 2

22 23

.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF NEVADA

| ORLAN CHARLES HORNE, | | |
|----------------------|-------------|---|
| | Plaintiff, | Case No. 2:12-cv-01142-JCM-GWF |
| VS. | | <u>ORDER</u> |
| ACE LTD; et al., | Defendants. | Motion for Service via Diplomatic Channels (#45) |
| |) | |

This matter comes before the Court on Plaintiff Orlan Horne's ("Plaintiff") Motion for Service of Process via Diplomatic Channels (#45), filed on January 3, 2013. The time to file any opposition expired on January 21, 2013.

Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 4(f)(1) permits a party in a foreign country to be served "by any internationally agreed means of service that is reasonably calculated to give notice, such as those authorized by the Hague Convention on the Service Abroad of Judicial and Extrajudicial Documents." Plaintiff represents that despite diligent attempts, he has been unable to locate a domestic agent to accept service for Defendant ACE, Ltd. ("ACE"). Although more than120 days have elapsed since Plaintiff filed the Complaint (#1), Rule 4(m)'s time limit "does not apply to service in a foreign country under Rule 4(f)[.]" The United States and Switzerland, ACE's country of residence, are both signatories to the Hague Convention. Furthermore, under Local Rule 7-2(d), the failure of an opposing party to file points and authorities in response to any motion shall constitute a consent to the granting of the motion. The time to oppose the instant Motion has expired, and no opposition has been filed. Accordingly,

Case 2:12-cv-01142-JCM-GWF Document 49 Filed 01/29/13 Page 2 of 2

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Plaintiff's Motion to Request Service of Process via Diplomatic Channels (#45) is granted. Plaintiff may pursue service of process under the Hague Convention. DATED this 29th day of January, 2013. United States Magistrate Judge